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TEC News

... FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

As most of you know, Gus Meccarello has decided to step down from the TEC presidency due to health problems. Therefore, it is with mixed emotions that I announce that I am now the new TEC president. Although severe back troubles have hindered the start of my term as TEC's 10th President, I assure you that I will do everything I can to uphold my newly elected position, and am honored to do so.

Before delving into the issues at hand, I have a very sad announcement to make: Howard C. Sharkey, TEC's beloved secretary, lost his battle with leukemia on Saturday, September 6, 1997. Howard will be sorely missed not only by TEC, but by all that came into contact with him. Howard's joy for our hobby, and his genuinely good-natured personality, combined to make him the perfect secretary for TEC for more than four years. My heart-felt sympathy goes out to the Sharkey family, all that knew Howard, and all that never had the privilege of knowing him.

Thankfully, Adele Vogel has taken over as the new TEC Secretary, and I am confident that she will do a fine job. (For all of you that distribute TEC membership applications, please be sure to update them with Adele's name and address!). Except for Adele and me, all of the TEC officers and board members remain the same: Vice President - Ray Dillard; Treasurer - Anita Zell; Directors - Ginnie Aldridge, Rocky Rockholt, and Reva Kline.

TEC's governing body (the officers, board members, and immediate past-President), along with faithful editor Corey Wylde, have all agreed to combine our efforts over the next two years, with the common goal of maintaining TEC as the premier collector's club for elongated coin enthusiasts. We certainly cannot go it alone! Therefore, I urge ALL TEC members to present suggestions on bettering our organization directly to me. Upon receipt, I will present them to the governing body of TEC for a mail vote. The results will be given in the following newsletter.

Upon becoming TEC President, I was bombarded with questions and concerns about two separate TEC issues: TEC election procedures; and TEC on the Internet. I will now address these issues:

First, let me say that TEC has always been run by caring volunteers that do their best to juggle their personal lives while meeting the demands of TEC. However, we are all human, and as such, sometimes overlook things...like timely election ballots (For the record, it should be noted that all TEC nominees ran unopposed... So the election outcome would have been the same with or without mail-in ballots). While

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Hearsay from Howard

By Howard Sharkey, TEC Secretary

Hi everybody! Just got word back from the ANA Convention in New York. Seems like attendance at our Annual Meeting was lighter than expected. That means we'll have a better supply than usual of our TEC and ANA coin sets. The designs for this year are great. Everyone will want to have these in your collection.

I wanted to thank everyone who voted for me to continue as TEC Secretary despite my resignation. By now, all should know that I have decided not to continue as TEC Secretary because of health concerns. I'll keep involved and continue this column as much as possible.

I have really enjoyed being your Secretary and have met so many nice people in this hobby. I am blessed to have served these past few years!

Adele Vogel will be taking over for me and she is going to do a real fine job. She is well-organized and an all-around nice person. She will be handling renewals, birthday coins and changes in member addresses. She has come down to our house from Wisconsin a few times to make sure the transition is smooth. Please bear with us as we make the switch. There is a lot of stuff to transfer.

This is your official dues notice for 1998. If you're not signed up yet, Do it now. TEC has a few new "member only" activities planned for next year. Don't miss out. And jr. members keep signing up your friends.

Thanks again for all the notes and calls during my illness. Until next time, may God bless!

Thank You!

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who sent cards, flowers, memorial money and the telephone calls. The outpouring of love for Howard was unbelievable.

The Merit Award given to him by TEC for his dedicated service and love for the club was wonderful. He would have been so proud. I thank each and everyone of you.

Many Many Thanks
Jane Sharkey
& Family

TEC Secretaries, Adele Vogel, lt. and Howard Sharkey with Howard's wife, June at the Sharkey's Home.

From the Editor

Well, we've got a lot to report this issue so I'll get right to it. Many of you received a red slip of paper with the last issue suggesting that you renew your membership in case you had not previously. Howard and I knew that there would be some "paid-up" members who received the notice in error because that always seems to happen. We heard from several of you and thanks for helping us correct our records. It was also beneficial in reminding some who did send in unpaid dues.

Our family took an exciting vacation to our nation's capital in September. On our trip we visited six states and met Willy Massey and toured the Squished Penny Museum (SPM) in Washington, D. C.

Through a new breakthrough technology, Willy allowed us to create our very own die commemorating our tour. We rolled out 10 or so coins which read "The Wylde's D C Trip 1997" with Washington's Monument engraved by my daughter, Meredith at the bottom. He also prepared a die of his own for the occasion and we rolled some pennies, nickels and a quarter with it.

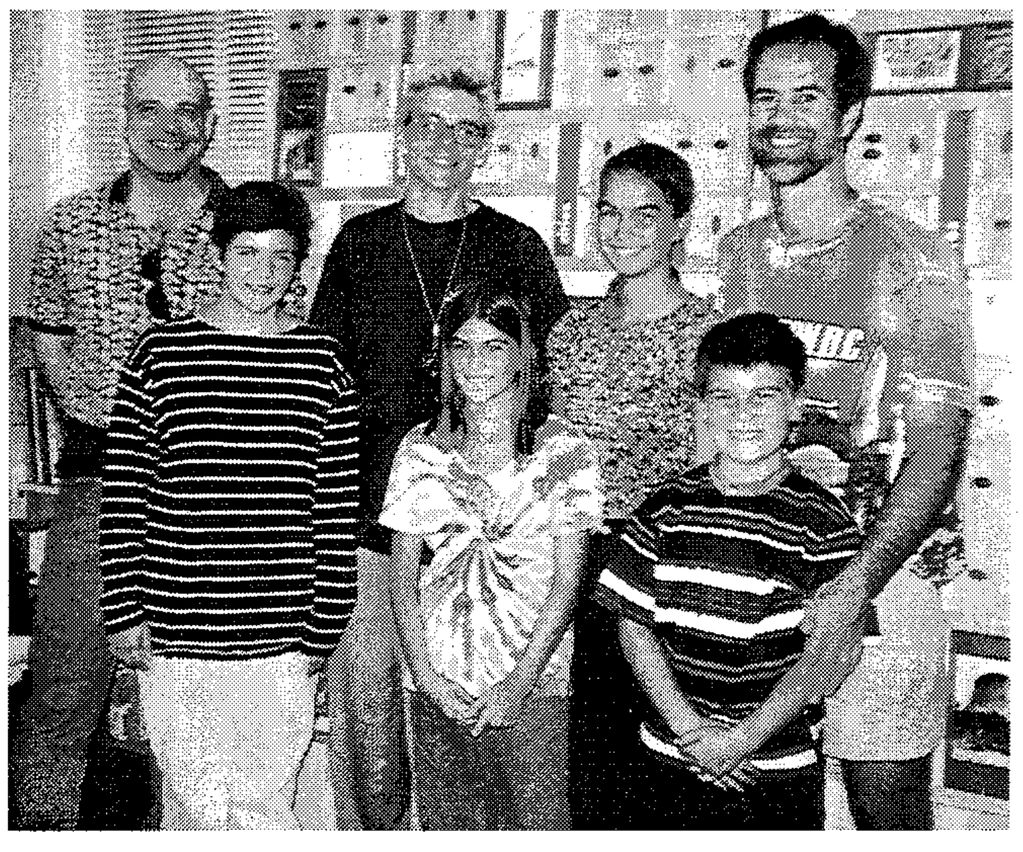
The SPM was quite a treat as well. Curators, Peter Morelewicz and Christine Henry were fabulous hosts – showing us other local sights including the home of Rev. Jessie Jackson, (which is just down the block.) The museum is well worth a looksee if you near D. C.

Back on the other coast, TEC member Bert Creighton has been up to some elongated public relations magic. He approached a writer from the San Diego Union-Tribune who was searching for unusual hobbies. The result of Bert's efforts was a nice article on elongated coins and collectors. Several TEC members were quoted and our club was also mentioned. What's next Bert... The Today Show?

In September, just over a dozen elongated devotees convened at Disneyland to search out and trade elongateds. The event was set up by the controversial, yet lovable Chris Aahz. He first proposed the idea on his electronic mailing list and all fell into place. Those in attendance not yet affiliated with TEC were urged to do so and I think all have joined as of this writing.

Lastly, there are some big things in the works for 1998. The Directors are enter-taining the idea of a substantial auction of many pennies to be conducted via *TEC News*. **Only paid-up members will be allowed to bid.** So send your 1998 dues in now. Look for more details in the next issue!

Right: Great exposure for EC's in the San Diego Tribune. Bert Creighton is shown rolling a cent in Old Town, San Diego.Below: The Wylde family poses at the Squished Penny Museum with curators, Pete and Christine and TEC President, Willy Massey. Photo: Brenda Wylde



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1997 Convention Highlights

By Ray Dillard, #837

It is a long way from the cotton fields of southeast Missouri to New York City! It is almost as far from Fenton, Michigan. Lucky I had driving help from my daughter, Sherrie Krug and grand-daughter, Amy Schaenzer. They we also great helpers at the TEC booth.

It was a two-day trip to the "Big Apple". The traffic was better than we were led to believe. Having driven the likes of Detroit, Cincinnati, Atlanta and Los Angeles already, we were prepared. Besides, the hotel was less than a mile from the Lincoln Tunnel.

We checked into our hotel which was right in the center of everything that symbolizes New York City – Manhattan, Time Square, The Empire State Building. After a short jaunt to the Convention Hall, we unloaded, found our booth and set up for the opening day.

Gus and Nan Meccarello had already arrived so we arranged for them to run the booth while we took a bus tour of the city. We saw all the "sites" and our tour guide was great.

When we returned, we found that Gus and Nan had been super-busy. Gus had already handed out over half of the week's supply of pre-rolled freebie coins. The sample *TEC News* copies and TEC applications were almost gone! My work was cut out for me the rest of the week – roll, roll, roll and roll some more. Bob Fritsch felt sorry for me and offered to roll some ahead. He worked hard just to keep up! Amy also rolled some and we never did get more than 100 ahead. I finally decided that people would just have to wait in line. They did! We had a great location and wonderful exposure for EC's. Even TV, radio and newspaper reporters stopped by. It was a lot of enjoyable work.

During the off hours we took in some shows, ate at fancy places, shopped and saw the Empire State Building. On the observation tower were a couple of showmen with a rolling machine. The attracted a small crowd and sold elongated coins for $1.00 each. What a price! I wish I could get half that.

Gus and I put in exhibits and qualified for the establishment of a special exhibit category for elongated coins in the future. We had to have at least two exhibits to qualify. It will cost TEC $3,000.00 to endow this award. The ANA will notify us when the money is due. The award will be called "The Dottie Dow Award". This was authorized at our membership meeting in Anaheim in 1995. By the way, my exhibit to Second Place in the "Miscellaneous" category this year.

The membership meeting was sparsely attended. Only 20 folks showed up (usually 40-60.) Bob Fritsch volunteered to take minutes of our Board and Membership meetings. Those minutes appear in a different section of this issue. Thanks Bob, for a fine job.

All were shocked to hear about the serious illness of Howard Sharkey, but were pleased to learn that Adele Vogel had offered to run for Secretary, thus giving us a full slate for the election.

We owe the following people an expression of thanks:

Connie Gerson, Gus and Nan's daughter who directed our non-convention tourist activities.

Jack Pryor donated 1000 coins to be handed out. He does this every year.

Bernie Myles donated goddie bags of EC's to be distributed at our membership meeting. Bernie is continuing this tradition began by Frank Brazzell. Since so few attended, we have some bags left. They are available free to any TEC members who want one. I will include two convention pins made

from nickels. Send $2.00 for postage and packaging to receive the bags and both pins. Quantities are limited.

Ruby Threlkeld is a long-time member of TEC and former Treasurer. Ruby's poor eyesight has required her to enter a nursing home. She has donated her entire collection to be used for the benefit of TEC. Thank you, Ruby and God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Your books brought a good price in the annual membership meeting auction and we are arranging an auction for the remainder of your items through future issues of *TEC News*.

My vice presidential advice for those who couldn't make it to New York is don't miss out next year and plan on being in Portland.

Top above: l. to r. Gus Meccarello, Sherrie Krug, Ray Dillard & Amy Schaenzer. Above: TEC Board Members- Ray Dillard, Willy Massey, Riva Kline & Gus Meccarello

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comply with TEC's by-laws, but the next election will. To do so, TEC requires an election committee of 3 to 5 members in good standing that are not running for any TEC position. Ideally, the election committee will be comprised of TEC members that reside near each other so that they may meet and count the votes. Therefore, I am now pleading for such volunteers!!!

Concerning TEC on the Internet: By the time this issue of the *TEC News* is published, all members of TEC's governing body will have ballots regarding this issue, which carries my personal support. I am now urging all concerned TEC members to voice their opinions to the TEC representative nearest them. When doing so, please be specific as to what (if anything) you would like to see embodied within a TEC website. For those of you with little to no interest in Internet activity, please know that the Internet will NOT replace *TEC NEWS*... But rather, it shall be (if so voted) used as a tool for reaching prospective TEC members; offer information about our fine organization as well as elongated coin collecting in general; and facilitate member activity by linking related web sites, and listing those TEC members which care to be listed (even if they are not Internet active). I should also mention that the cost for a TEC website is not an issue. As a club member of the ANA, TEC can have complimentary web space. So don't delay... Let's hear from YOU!

Until then... Happy Collecting! William C. Massey

Everyone is busily setting up the booth.

THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS
Minutes of the Meeting of the Membership
1 August 1997
New York City

The meeting opened at 9:09AM with 21 members and guests present. Each member introduced themselves. The announcement of Howard Sharkey's illness was made, and that a replacement had been found. ANA Governor John Wilson gave a welcome from the ANA. A recap of the Board meeting was given. The minutes as published in *TEC News* were approved. There was no Treasurer's report.

The report of the Denver meeting was published in *TEC News* because it got misplaced. There was a discussion and explanation of how honorary members are chosen. A motion to give Ray Dillard a stipend of $300 for his expenses for this convention on behalf of TEC carried unanimously, after Ray declined a larger amount. Angelo Rosato is not coming to this convention, much to the chagrin of all present.

President Meccarello explained why he is stepping down after only one term. His medical problems include two cancers and other things. The call for nominations was then made. Adele Vogel was nominated for Secretary. Willy Massey campaigned for President. As there were no other nominations, they were closed. Paper ballots were then cast. Goodies were passed out while the ballots were tallied. The annual TEC auction was next and brought $161; the list of lots and hammer prices is appended to these minutes. ANA Past President and TEC member Ken Hallenbeck made some nice comments.

Election results were announced:

President - William C. Massey
Vice President - Ray Dillard
Secretary - Adele Vogel
Treasurer - Anita Zell
Directors - Ginnie Aldridge, Rocky Rockholt, Reva Kline.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30AM by President Massey.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch
Recorder

THE ELONGATED COLLECTORS
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Directors
1 August 1997

The meeting opened at 8:16AM with three Board Members (President Gus Meccarello, Vice President Ray Dillard, and Director Reva Kline) and five guests (Bob Fritsch, William C. Massey, Joe and Margie Burford, and Norma [Bonesio] Montaigne) present.

Announcements:

Secretary Howard Sharkey was critically ill with terminal cancer and felt that he could not continue. Adele Vogel has volunteered to run for Secretary.

Norma Montaigne, Al Bonesio's daughter, told of his death and that she will assume Al's collection. She had some nice stories about him.

Ruby Threlkeld, TEC charter member, is entering a nursing home and has made contributions to the club. Ray Dillard has her coins.

The elections held this year are not in accordance with the bylaws but events have precluded strict adherence.

There were no minutes of the previous Board meeting, nor Treasurer's report on hand. Ray Dillard reported the inventory of club property that he holds.

TEC members have submitted enough exhibits to qualify a special category for elongates – the Dottie Dow Award. Gus Meccarello and Ray Dillard both presented displays.

Merit Awards were discussed. No more than fifty awards are to be made. Board members, Honorary members, and past presidents automatically get them, plus others who have given meritorious service to TEC. The award is a special elongated silver quarter.

There was discussion about the Internet and a TEC Web page. Donations for membership bags were made by John Wilson, Tony Timones, Jack Pryor, Bernie Miles. A letter from Pearl Buoker was read, as was one from Chris Aahz. The latter spurred discussion about the difficulties of running a club.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert F. Fritsch
Recorder

TEC Membership Meeting
List of Attendees
1 August 1997 in New York City

Gus Meccarello
Bob Fritsch
Norma Bonesio Montaigne
Andrew P. Luck
William C. Massey
Brian Ankerman
Nan Meccarello
Ray Dillard
Ken Hallenbeck
Jason Kippen (Guest)
Alan Herbert
Joe Burford
Walt Ankerman
Bill Lonigan (Guest)
Reva Kline
Constance Meccarello-Gerson
Lonnie T. Cazin and Roger
Ed Herman
Margie Burford (Guest)
John Wilson

Auction Lots and Prices Realized

Complete set of CCE (California Collectors of Elongateds) Newsletter	$10
MEC (Midwest Elongated Collectors) Newsletter - complete? Set	7
Yesterday's Elongateds - Autographed by Lee Martin	40
Elongated Collector - Autographed by Dottie Dow plus 3 pamphlets	55
Elongated Coins by A.A. Rosato	
The Elongated Coins by Lloyd E. Wagaman	
Elongated Rolled Out Cents by Lenard L. Babin	
Set of Zodiac coins rolled by Bruce Summers	6
Pack of photos of past events and people, donated by Norma Montaigne in the name of Al Bonesio for occasional inclusion in *TEC News*	8
Enameled New York Badge	35
TOTAL	**$161**

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Working the TEC Booth

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Every ANA has its own character and the recent one in New York was no exception. Normally, everything is on one floor in a convention center or similar facility. Not so in New York. The convention was in a hotel, a very nice hotel, world class, but a hotel nonetheless. There were no large rooms to hold the convention, so it was on five separate floors. It was an interesting arrangement but made for a lot of travel between functions.

Normally, TEC is in with all the dealers or in the "club corner" with a roomy area. Not so in New York. The clubs were stuck out front away from the bourse and two people had trouble standing side-by-side in the booths. My wooden money club shared an eight-foot space with TEC. Luckily, we were able to expand because some clubs did not show. There would not have been enough room otherwise. We happened to be the very first booth from the elevators and escalators, so virtually everybody who went into the bourse passed our table. As such, TEC was very busy and also served as an *ad hoc* information booth.

I had worked the TEC Booth in Detroit '94 to the exclusion of almost everything else. I missed several important objectives at that convention and had to play catch-up in Denver '96, the next ANA I attended. As a result I did not have time enough to help out at that show.

Ray Dillard came in the day before the convention, and we renewed our friendship in a brief greeting. Ray normally works the TEC booth from show start until its end and doesn't get to see anything of the rest of the show or the city. So Gus Mecarello and I watched the booth while Ray and his wife and daughter took the NY Tour. There were lots of pre-made elongates so the work was light. I guess there was not enough copies of TEC News and membership applications as they went quickly and we had none for the rest of the convention.

I had a very heavy schedule Thursday and Friday, and could only drop by and lend moral support while straightening the wooden money table. Friday of course was the annual TEC Board and Membership meetings. It was a nice meeting but TEC just did not have the attendance in New York like we have had in other places. The auction had good stuff and good prices were realized, but again the competition was limited.

After a wooden money meeting on Saturday, I went up to the TEC booth to help out. The place was mobbed and Ray was rolling like mad. We had run out of pre-rolled cents and were rolling on the spot for an insatiable public. I jumped right in and took my turn. Ray and I spelled each other for the rest of the day. I don't know how many coins got rolled, but there was not a moment to rest. It seemed that the crowds came when I was on the machine and gone when Ray had it. Not really though. I developed a little patter, telling how elongates were made and even let a few try it themselves. It made for a fun and fast afternoon.

I don't know if I will be in Portland next year, but if I am you can bet I will be in the TEC booth rolling away when I have the time.

Proliferation vs. Exploitation… A General Collector's Dilemma

By Doug Fairbanks Sr. #623

As a collector, you receive a sales or trade listing in your mail. One item says, "Mickey Mouse." You gleefully say to yourself, "I have it." Oh, but have you? Below I have listed (28) issues in my personal collection which differ in some respect. All are dot border unless indicated. Anybody else have a similar situation? Let's hear about it.

1. Full Figure(FF)/60th Bday/H/Wire Bord./by FB
2. Face(F)/with rays/H /"Walt Disney World" (WDW)
3. F with rays/H/"Disneyland" w/ trademark beneath "Mouse"
4. F with rays/H/"Disneyland" across top
5. F/H/No border or legend/by AC
6. F/V/"Disneyland" across top, "USA" below
7. FF/V/"Disneyland" below w/1988 Walt Disney Co.
8. FF/V/"WDW" below w/trademark
9. FF Roller Blading/V/trademark below
10. FF with skateboard/V/ trademark below
11. FF playing baseball/V/ trademark below
12. FF/V/"Disneyland" across top/ trademark below
13. FF with top hat & cane/V/"Disneyland Hotel" across top/ trademark below
14. FF scuba swimming/H/"Typhoon Lagoon" below
15. FF surfing/V/"Typhoon Lagoon" below
16. F/V/"Disneyland Hotel" across top/ trademark below
17. F/V/ trademark below
18. F/V/"Magic Kingdom" below
19. F/V/trademark at top, "Disney MGM Studios" below
20. F in locomotive/V/"Magic Kingdom" below in banner
21. F in locomotive/V/"Disneyland RR" below
22. FF with pistol/H/"Frontierland" at top/"Magic Kingdom" below in banner
23. FF with pistol/H/"Frontierland" at top/"Disneyland" below
24. FF/V/"Magic Kingdom" below in banner
25. FF pilot at boat wheel/V/"Magic Kingdom" below in banner
26. FF spacewalking/H/"Tomorrowland at top/ "Disneyland" below
27. FF with sports equipment/V/ "American Adventure" at top/"World Adventure" below
28. FF in sorcerer's hat/V/"1996" & "25" at top

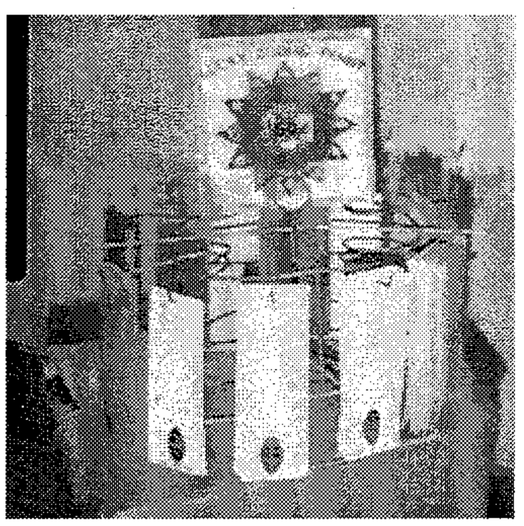
Knott's Berry Farm is next when I can get my last four coins identified.

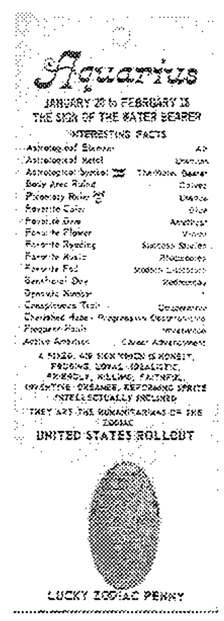
An Astronomical Find!

By Joe Burford, #1111

My friend, Bill Chelchowski from Maryland, found a surprise while visiting yard sales one Saturday in his home town. While investigating the contents of a small box, he discovered a rotating rack used for point-of-purchase display. The rack was full of cards holding elongated cents. He picked up the whole lot for $5.00! He brought the box to show me at a flea market and I bought it from him.

When I got home, I looked the coins up in Rosato's *Encyclopedia of the Modern Elongated.* It turns out that the coins are Bruce Sumner's Zodiac elongateds made in January 1973. I compiled 25 sets from the contents of the rack. It goes to show good elongated deals may still be found at yard sales and flea markets.





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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
1996-1997

AUG. 1,1996 to JULY 31,1997

OPENING BALANCE AUG. 1,1996	$11,383.81
RECEIPTS:	
Dues, coins, badges, sales rentals, TEC News ads, etc.	+6782.57
EXPENDITURES:	
TEC News, officer's expenses, Award coins, convention coins and badges, enamaling etc.	-6332.61
BALANCE, JULY 31,1997	$11,833.77

Bank Statement Reconciles

Inventory:	2x2's	$1200.00
	Pages	82.50
		$1282.50

Respectfully submitted,

Anita J Zell
ANITA J. ZELL

Rolling Pennies on "Old Ironsides"?

By Shirley M. Scott, #1566

In a local newspaper last week ther was an article about the USS Constitution under sail again. The article mentioned that this was the first time in 116 years. Two men from the community called to say that they can remember seeing the ship in the 30's. One man saw it as a boy when "Old Ironsides" came up the Columbia River. The ship was making a tour of both coasts. Occasionally setting sail, but always under tow.

Ed Albright visited the ship as a twelve-year-old in April 1933 when it was docked in Oakland, California. He still has a souvenir edition of the *Oakland Tribune*, and a "specially stamped penny".

Right away I figured he must surely mean an elongated. I looked up his phone number, and after several tries, I talked with him. He told me that, yes it was a rolled penny. (He wanted to talk more on how well-behaved he and his schoolmates were comparing to today's kids.)

Now, I wonder if the ship brought along its own rolling machine for people to obtain a souvenir, or were the coins only available in Oakland?

My Search For Smashed Coins

By Rev. Sherry J. Sklenar

This summer I traveled to Pike's Peak in search of elongated pennies. I heard there was a machine on top of the peak that rolled two designs. I bought a ticket for the cog-wheel train, rode an hour on the last train of the day through rain and fog, only to get to the summit to find out that the man who rolled the pennies had left 45 minutes earlier! I was heart-broken. So I asked the manager if he could mail them to me if I left the money and my address. He agreed. Just then, one of the clerks offered me two of hers from a key chain she wore around her neck. I understand now that they are worth less if they have been punched. At least I will never forget which two they are.

To make the return trip just as memorable--when we were almost all loaded back on the train, ready for the ride down--a bright red-orange lightning bolt struck the mountain only 25 feet in front of the train. The jolt knocked out one of the train's computers. After more than an hour wait, we were finally able to descend using three locomotives instead of the usual four. What people won't do for a hobby!

ANOTHER DREAM by Lee Martin

My recent article about my fairy godfather received some yes votes. Actually, my wife and a friend trying to borrow money said "It wasn't too bad" and with that vote of confidence I decided to dream again. In order to visit with my Godfather I ordered a pizza with a lot of limburger cheese topped with garlic. I ate enough to guarantee my sleeping quarters would be my office and not my home. Sure enough, when I dropped off to sleep who should appear but a changed Godfather. He was slender, handsome and very well dressed.

I asked him what happened and he answered "Oh, its you again, the guy who got me into all the trouble." "Ha. I answered you're the one who ruined my three wishes." With that he said, "Yes, and now I'm in trouble with the head Godfather.When you didn't use your wishes I kept them for myself and that was a no ,no that I changed into a yes, yes." " Tell me what happened." I asked, in spite of my inherent wish that he would just disappear.

"O. K., he said ,I made three wishes and this is what happened." "Wish number one was for a suitcase full of thousand dollar bills." "Wow", I said, "sounds great to me."

Nope, thousand dollar bills are impossible to change, especially when you want to buy inexpensive items." "Why didn't you simply change one in a bank?" I asked. He responded, "Banks all threw me out. It seems thousand dollar bills have not been made in many years and are not used in circulation., that ended my get rich scheme." I thought that was pay back time for what had happened to me. He said "My second wish was even worse." I decided to become better looking than any movie actor and made the wish for beauty and it was quickly granted. I thought all the fairy Godmothers would want me but what happened was just the opposite. They found out I was prettier than any of them and all boycotted me. I couldn't even get a date with the Wicked Witch and she uses ugly pills with all three meals. But those two calamities weren't all."

"I had been hearing a lot about a new matte nickel that has been included in special coin sets. They had a limited mintage of only 25,000 and are sure to become very profitable. I wished for a sand blaster case that uses fine sand to convert metal to matte surfaces. They are available from most jewelry supply houses and do not cost too much."

"It is legal to cut up coins and convert them into jewelry; it is also legal to flatten coins in jeweler's mills and make them into elongated coins with special designs and it is even legal to color coins, so why would it be illegal to make my own matte nickels? I am not counterfeiting, I am merely touching up a coin's surface which does not affect its buying power in the least."

I had to admit that he had a point, so I asked, "Well what happened? " He wistfully remarked " I understand that Treasury Agents want to talk to me" and as he said that a bullhorn blared with "We know you are in there so come out with your hands up!" My Godfather looked at me and said "I think I will simply disappear but because you were the cause of my problems I have left my sand matte maker in your kitchen and with that he faded, leaving me in shock and with the satisfaction that the T agents would not believe my "I DIDN'T DO IT!"

So now I have some final advice for all my friends (if I have any left). Never eat limburger cheese with garlic on a pizza.

P.S. I do think there will be many homemade matte nickels. Sand matte making units are available but so are T Agents.

Elongated "Stands in the Gap"

By Don Wilkinson, #1079

Today is Promise Keepers' "Stand in the Gap" in Washington D.C. I have a son and son-in-law in attendance. They are handing out over 750 elongated coins commemorating this great occasion. Bill Grencavich did the engraving and I rolled the coins at the request of my son, Bob.

I would like to give a Promise Keepers elongated, rolled on a 1997 cent, free as my gift to any TEC Member who would like to have one. Just send a SASE to Don Wilkinson, 5700 Flagler Street, Metairie, LA 70003

Tetradrac...Who?

I also don't know if the Owl has a name, other than Athena's Owl. It's the same as the one on the Athenian Tetradrachm of ancient Greece. In their mythology, the owl flew around the world every night gathering news of what was happening.

If we don't have a name for it, I suggest a contest to NAME THE OWL. Let's give all TEC members a chance. With definite dates for start and finish, I would be glad to serve as the contest chairman and would take input by any means (E-Mail, SnailMail, Pony Express...). The Board could serve as the judges.

How about it?

Bob Fritsch
TEC #1871

"Greetings From Suzanne"

By Suzanne Bobela, #1867

As TEC members, part of our job is to raise awareness about elongateds. That may include membership recruitment, but it doesn't have to. My friends at American University are now involved with world of "flattened" coins whether they know it or not through my influence. They see my membership card, or the newsletter or an elongated of mine, and they ask questions. Last year I gave everyone a Halloween EC during the holiday (not what they expected, I'm sure.) The response was very positive. Once they realize that elongateds were all around them, they were hooked. Now they bring me some back from wherever they have been.

Some of my friends made road trips this summer while I worked diligently in the nation's capital. They made sure to bring me back a little something...coins from the "Friendship Fountain" in Santa Barbara, California and the "Crossroads of Americas Music" in Memphis, Tennessee.

I did get to go on vacation. I visited a friend in Chicago. Since I had never been there, I made sure to get a rolled coin wherever I stopped. The machine near the zoo was broken but we did manage to get five others. (I usually only get one per machine even though there may be more than one choice.) I picked up: "Shedd Aquarium" with penguin; "Chicago, the Windy City" with skyline; "Eat and Get Out" from Ed Debevic's famous restaurant; "museum of Science and Industry" with gears; and lastly, "Sears Tower".

Initially, my friends made fun of me for having such a bizarre habit. Now we have fun locating machines together.

Odds and Ends from New TEC Secretary – Adele Vogel

Some items which are part of the secretary's job have been affected during the transfer of information to me. New member packets and jr. member birthday coins will be delayed a little. For new members, this shouldn't affect your receiving your copy of *TEC News*. If you recently joined and did not receive a new members packet, contact Adele.

Anyone using old TEC membership applications in soliciting new members please change the address to Adele Vogel's, or June Sharkey might wind up doing some of Adele's work.

Adele owns a mystery penny. It may look older than it is. See the picture below and fill us in if you know anything about it.

Mystery Penny

If any rollers out there have some extra EC's they would like to donate for including in new or prospective member packets, your help would be greatly appreciated. The current treasury of coins is running low. Send your coins to Adele.

Summer Highlights

By Joel F. Daly, #2082J

I am just returning your nice "happy birthday" letter. This summer I went to Boy Scout camp in North Carolina for a whole week and earned three merit badges: canoeing, first aid and horsemanship. I had trouble hiking up and down all the mountains. After camp, I went to Cape Cod to visit my relatives for a week. I got a coin there.

Next, we went to Salem, Massachusetts and stayed in a really fancy hotel called the Hawthorne Hotel for three nights. A "souvenir of the Bay State" elongated penny was available there.

I am going back to North Carolina to my dad's seminar and will look for more coins.

TEC Loses Longtime Members & Friends

We are saddened to report the passing of some of our members. These mentioned had long and close relations with our hobby and club.

Al Bonesio, #1256 attended most of ANA Conventions and our membership meetings when it didn't conflict with his wooden nickel collecting.

Hy Brown, Charter Member #130 was a major dealer in rare coins and very interested in EC's. His illustrated ads in *Coin World* and *Numismatic News* well-publicized our hobby.

Sam Aldridge, never a member, but supportive husband of Ginnie Aldridge, our ever-involved Board Member from TEC's early days.

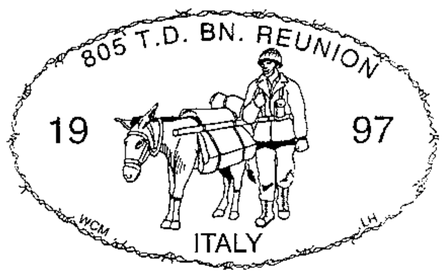
Also, we received word that TEC member Walter Riley (1076) of Webster, Mass. has passed away.

We are slow in reporting the death of Robert Luchtman, an elongated pioneer. We will share more of his story next issue.

Finally, Past President Sally Kirka is not well and has entered a nursing home. Our thoughts and prayers are for the families of all mentioned. If you have news of someone, please let us know so we can pass it along.

W.W. II 1997 Army Reunion Elongated

By Jack Wilcox, #332



I had a theme in mind for my 1997 reunion elongated from the tales heard at the "bull sessions" at last year's gathering. That's when all the problems began.

First, I had to hunt for a decent photo of a pack mule or mule train to use as the central theme for the design. I found a German mule train in a World War II library book which was too dark to use. Next, I sought help from a collector pal in the Army Reserves. We searched his booklets on the Italian Campaign and found a good photo of a pack mule.

Finally, I'm off and running...not! Will this photo be good enough? I can only supply a rough sketch for the design using a copy of the pack mule. Who can I find to take up the slack in Frank Brazzell's absence? The search begins.

I contacted Willy Massey who proved to be the answer to all my questions. He contacted an artist who drew the pack mule, creating beautiful art. After exchanging a few phone calls, I was notified that my order would be ready by our August 17th reunion date. (In fact, the coins arrived on July 28th.) No more running around was required. The 805th Tank Destroyer Battalion veterans look forward to my reunion elongateds, so I gave a big thanks to Mr. Massey.

You might be askng, "Why the pack mule if the Tank Destroyer Battalion used half-tracks, jeeps, tanks and other heavy equipment? Muddy conditions in the Italian mountains forced the use of mules for resupply on both sides.

I wanted this year's theme to highlight some of the past history of our T.D. outfit even though I only made it to the Tunisian Campaign. (I was captured by Rommel, "the Desert Fox" near the Kasserine Pass.) This year's reunion is August 17-20 in Lancaster, PA. I always enjoy passing out the reunion elongateds there.

This is the ninth design for the 805th T.D. Bn. and my POW experience explains the barbed wire borders. Hopefully, the elongateds will help the T.D. initials to be recognized since Tank Destroyer Battalions are no longer a part of our Army.

Penny Pen Pals Needs New Blood

By Anita Zell, #1846

Actually, that sounds pretty gory. What we are really looking for is new "haves" and "wants". I think we'll try a new format. It will also save El Cheapo here some postage money. Each *TEC News* issue I will list any new members' names and info and any news of trade lists, etc. All new "pen pals" will receive a complete Pen Pal club roster and any current trade lists. Each issue I will feature one of our long-standing members' elongated interests:

New Member-
Gina Gonzales, 731 W. Angus, Orange, CA 92868. Gina is a recent member of TEC -- #2109. She found me on the internet. (I didn't even know I was there. Send her your trade list or any prices in case her trade stock is low. You might want to send her a "freebie" just to welcome her to the hobby.

Feature Member-
Jim Thorpe, 2723 Orange-Olive Rd.#E, Orange, CA 92865. Jim knows Disney EC's and will sell or trade. He loves computers so you can find him in there somewhere. He uses his to create nice trade lists regularly. Jim is a locksmith, loving husband and proud father of Stephen James Thorpe, who turned one last June.

The Elongated Internet

By Chris Aahz, #2062

When I received my TEC membership package in December, I searched the Internet for resources on elongated coins. I was dissapointed. Now, approximately nine months later, there a numerous sites for elongated coins and more are appearing .

What's available on the net now? Plenty. I first encountered elongateds on-line in the rec.disney.parks newsgroups. These news-groups are primarily for people discussing trips to the various Disney parks. Elongateds (they call them pressed pennies) have been discussed quite a bit in these newsgroups. Their focus is narrow; dealing only with Disney elongateds. If you'replanning a trip to a Disney Park, drop in here and get the latest.

Al Lutz' Disneyland Information Guide - Pressed Pennies includes not only current machine locations, but also tips on polishing and organizing your elongates and other uses for them. He also includes lists of other souvenir coins/tokens and discontnued elongateds. For Disney World you'll want to check out Kenny Cottrell's WDW - Penny Press Guide. This site contains five separate lists of machine locations: The Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center, Disney-MGM Studios, Resort Hotels and the 25th Anniversary Quarters. (All site addresses are listed at end of article.)

Willy Massey (TEC #1857) has Luck 'E' Penny online. The largest elongated site on the internet, Willy has posted a lot of information on elongateds, a TEC Membership application, and offers numerous elongates for sale including a fewspecial deals. This is also the current home of "The Hitchiker's Guide" to Elongated Coin Machines. This is the best place for people who are new to elongateds.

The Smashed Penny Locator is maintained by Bert Creighton and lists many, elongating machine locations complete with maps. Additional information here includes metal content of both US and Canadian cents, the TEC address, penny trivia, and links to other coin sites (for both elongated and traditional coins).

My personal favorite site is The Penny Page hosted by Kathy Reddin (TEC #2085). Started as a way to learn more about the internet, The Penny Page has blossomed into a beautiful site. While slim on general information, those already fami-liar with elongated coins will find plenty here to enjoy. Kathy has scanned nearly 100 elongateds and posted the images here. Just one small click away from the main page is the Message Board. Here, visitors can post questions or comments regarding elongated coins and get feedback from others.

Web pages are "static" in that only the host (the person authoring the page) can change the information provided (The Penny Page's Message Board being the exception to this rule). If you want to see if any new infor-mation has been has been added since your last visit, you must revisit the site.

Hopefully, this article has helped our members to find a new online resource or two. Perhaps, it will even be the impetus for some who are not yet 'on the net' to step into the electronic age. I 'meet' people regularly online who are looking for information on elongated coins. It would be great for TEC to give them a web site in addition to a postal address.

Internet sites:

Disneyland Information Guide - Pressed Pennies:
http://members.aol.com/alweho/docs/penny.html

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http://www.wdn.com/dwills/penny.html

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Money Laundering Tips

With excerpts from Kathy Reddin's "Penny Page"

By: Willy C. Massey

While most numismatists concur that coin cleaning is a strict "No-No", I have found that elongated coin collectors are far less strict and simply want a shiny clean souvenir of their vacation. Throughout the years I have often been asked: "What is the best way to clean copper elongateds?" Up until recently, my reply has always been: "Your guess is as good as mine." But now I have a much better, albeit longer, answer for that troubling question.

My 85 year-old Lithuanian Grandmother, Ida Kenstavicious, developed this technique a few weeks ago: Take an old rag (washcloths work well). Rub ketchup onto your copper coins with the cloth and then rinse with water. Next, make a thick paste with baking soda and water; rub the coin with the baking soda paste and a clean washcloth (the rougher the cloth, the better). Rinse again, then dry with a clean soft cloth.
Stage 1 (the ketchup) turns the copper coins a uniform pinkish color.
Stage 2 (the baking soda paste) shines the copper coins beyond belief--pre or post squish! Give it a try! It really works!!!

Kathy Reddin #2085
This is a great method! I didn't even use the washcloth. I just used my fingers. I found that the washcloth got a lot of dried Baking Soda on it and would fall off in clumps. I held my penny over a small bowl of the paste, so any globs would drop back into to bowl. I did, however rinse the coin in water and dry with a rough cloth. For some of the very dirty pennies, I had to repeat the process several times. Try soaking the pennies in vinegar instead of using ketchup. It's not quite as messy and you get the same effect! Personally, I prefer not to clean my "antique" pennies.

Janelle Henry #2086
God Bless Martha Stewart. She finally gave me something useful but not what she intended. Us a shallow dish or pan. Cover it with pennies, and cover them with lemon juice then pour a thin layer of salt over it all. Wait a minute or two, flip the pennies over, cover with a little more salt if necessary, wait and guess what??? Rinse with water and they're shiny!!! Most of the time, no rubbing is necessary.

Mark Mears #1972
To clean my elongated pennies, I use a tiny dab of toothpaste and a toothbrush.

Chris Aahz, #2062
I've tried the eraser method with great success Jeff Dixon showed me a couple (of coins) where he had used an eraser just on the high points, leaving the flat surfaces dark, and it they looked wonderful!

Matt Birchard, #1848
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New Member Spouts Off

Joanne Barrett, Member # 2118

My obsession with "smooshed pennies" began about ten years ago when I went to Disneyland and saw my first penny crunching machine. Of course I got one, and I thought it was really neat having this wonderful souvenir. I didn't see another machine like it until a few years later. By that time, I was hooked!

I travel around the United States quite a bit, and one of the biggest thrills for me is finding penny crunching machines. My husband gets a big kick out of watching me and seeing how excited I get when I find one. At first he couldn't understand why I get so excited about them, but now, although he tries to hide it, I can tell that he likes them almost as much as I do.

Recently when we were in Tombstone, Arizona, I was going around town asking shopkeepers if they knew where there was a "smooshed penny machine" in town. No one seemed to know what I was talking about, even after I described it. I was pretty disappointed until a small child, upon overhearing me ask her mother about a machine, piped up and said, "there's one at the OK Corral that has three pictures you can choose from!" Funny how kids seem to know where the coolest stuff is! And yes, I got all three!

One thing I found in my constant search for these penny machines is that it seems that in the Western part of the US, there are a lot to be found, but back East, I never found one yet. The farthest East I ever found one was Oklahoma. The farthest Northwest I found were in Seattle, Washington and South Dakota. I found machines in Hawaii, too, on the Island of Oahu.

I've been collecting elongated coins now for a while and I love to look through them and remember places I have visited. I never knew anyone else collected elongated coins until one day this past summer. I was in Keystone, South Dakota and I met a nice young man named Tom Gerhardt who had a penny machine and sold me a few. He told me that they were called "elongated coins" (I always called them smooshed pennies). I told him how much I loved these coins, and he asked me if I knew about TEC. I didn't, so he gave me a membership form, and the rest is history! I'm so glad I met him and that he introduced me to TEC! I'm glad to know I'm not the only elongated coin fanatic in the world! I always thought I was!

I am so glad to be a new member of TEC!

Following is a listing of the penny machines I (or friends of mine) have found. I listed them by state.

STATE	PLACE	CITY
Arizona	Arizona Science Center	Phoenix
	Meteor Crater	?
	OK Corral	Tombstone
	Route 66	?
California	49ers	San Francisco
	Aerospace Museum	San Diego
	Chinatown	San Francisco
	Disneyland	?
	Harbor Excursion	San Diego
	Knott's Berry Farm	?
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	Morro Bay	Morro Bay
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	The Cliff House	San Francisco
	Universal Studios	Hollywood
Colorado	Coors Field	?
	Main Mall	Durango
	Movie theater next to train depot	Durango
Hawaii	Aloha Tower	Honolulu
	Dole Pineapple Plantation	?
Nevada	Excalibur	Las Vegas
	Harrah's	Laughlin
	Sands	Las Vegas
	Stratosphere	Las Vegas
New Mexico	Loretto Chapel	Santa Fe
	Ruidoso Country Store	Ruidoso
	Schlotsky's Deli	Ruidoso
Oklahoma	Cherokee Trading Post	Clinton
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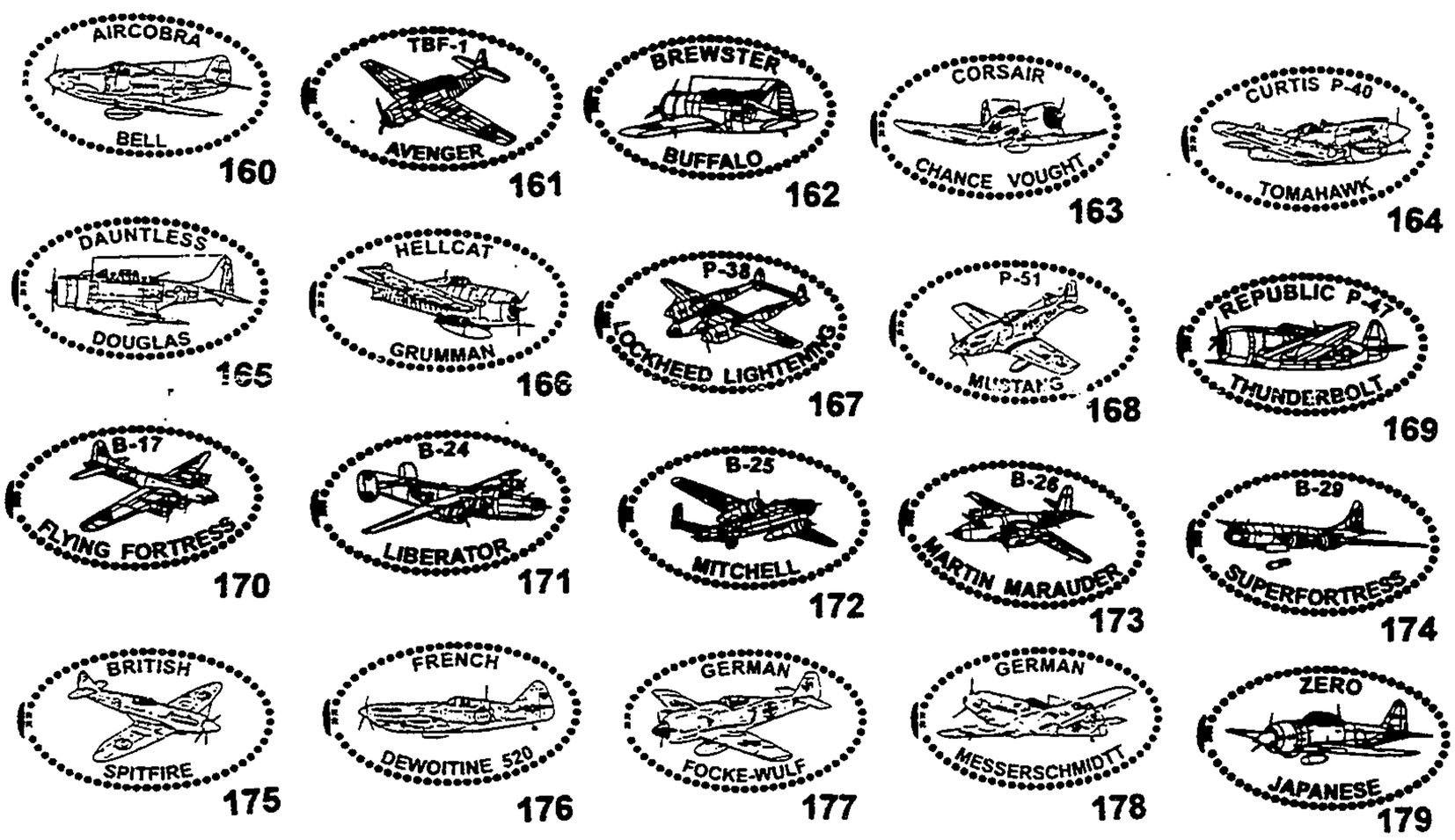

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ADA-51	JOB-94	HOE-37	JAC-34	ROS-356	BRO-7
SAB-21	WAG-385	DOW-322	ADA-55	JAC-78	JOB-62
HOE-11	JOB-149	PON-17	JOB-150	ROS-353	WAG-21
SAB-87	HOE-12	ROS-311	WAG-256	JOB-104	BRO-12
WAG- 109	ROS-307	PON-19	RAB-9	SAB-10	ROS-355
JOB-87	PAN-126	WAG-49	SAB-95	HOE-26	WAG-114
HOE-25	JOB-98	SAB-10	ROS-313	WAG-23	SAB-105

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